

**COLONEL THOMAS L. KONING**  
**U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Southern District**  
**Commander and District Engineer**

**Colonel Thomas L. Koning** serves as the Commander and District Engineer for the Gulf Region South District in Basrah, Iraq. Previously he served as the Commander of the New England Engineer District.

Colonel Koning began his military career in 1980 as a Platoon Leader and company Executive Officer in the 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) in Darmstadt, Federal Republic of Germany. In 1984, he was reassigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia and the 92nd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy). There he served as an Assistant Operations Officer (S-3) and then commanded C Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion. After command, he attended graduate school and served four years as an Assistant Professor at the United States Military Academy in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering. In 1994, he was reassigned to Fort Benning, Georgia where he served as the Operations Officer (S-3) of the 317th Engineer Battalion (Combat), supporting the 3rd Brigade of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech). Following this assignment he became the Design Engineer of the 36th Engineer Group at Fort Benning. In 1996, he was reassigned as the Chief of the Engineer Regional Training Team in Readiness Group Jackson at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Following this assignment he became the Operations Officer (S-3) of the 157th Infantry Brigade at Fort Jackson. From 1998 through 2000, he commanded the 62nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) at Fort Hood, Texas. After command, he served as the Facilities Plans Officer in the Engineer Division on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii.

Colonel Koning's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2nd OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd OLC), National Defense Service Medal (1 BSS), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), Parachutist Badge, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (1 OLC) and the Army Superior Unit Award.

Colonel Thomas L. Koning is a native of Michigan. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. He holds three Master's Degrees, one in Geology and one in Civil Engineering, both from North Carolina State University and one in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.